

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **RIGID-ROD BENZOBISAZOLE POLYMERS INCORPORATING NAPHTHALENE-1,5-DIYL STRUCTURE UNITS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application No. 60/453,335, filed 02-28-2003.

And we hereby give irrevocable control of this application for Letters Patent to the Secretary of the Air Force, and appoint, Charles E. Bricker, Registration No. 26,715 and Thomas L. Kundert, Registration No. 27,247, telephone no. (937) 255-5052, or either of them whose post office address is AFMC LO/JAZ, Bldg 11 Room 100, 2240 B St, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7109, attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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